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This Photo was taken by Charlie Pyles of AirPix Photos, Cold Spring, Kentucky. This photo won the Aviation Careers category of the First Annual Kentucky Aviation Photography Contest. Congratulations, Charlie! Details of this (and last) year's contest are inside this issue.

# Kentucky Photographers “Reach for the Clouds”

*Department of Aviation Launches “First-Ever” Photography Competition*

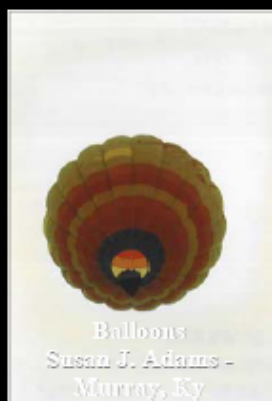
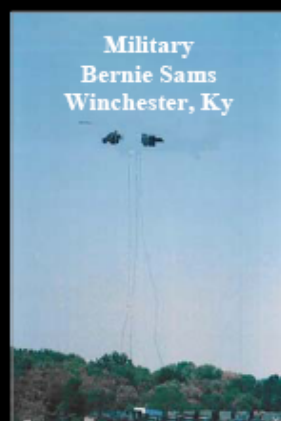
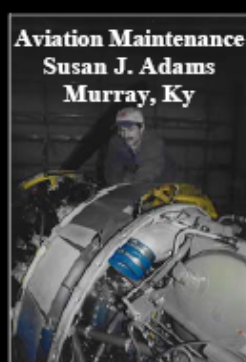
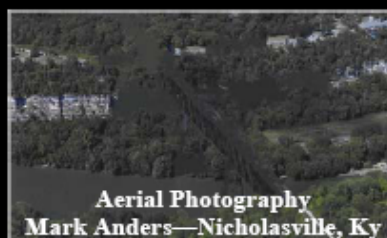
**A** celebration of aviation through photography is launched by the inaugural Kentucky Aviation Photography Contest. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s Department of Aviation contest included 125 entries from all across the Commonwealth.

The photographers submitted their entries for consideration in twelve categories. “We had so many excellent photographs that picking the winners proved to be an agonizing process,” said Commissioner of Aviation Paul Steely.

An awards ceremony was held in the Transportation Cabinet Office Building, with lunch provided by the Department of Aviation at Mero Street Café. Transportation Cabinet Secretary Bill Nighbert and Commissioner Steely presented engraved plaques to each of the winners.

Commissioner Steely emphasized the degree to which aviation plays such an important role in this administration’s vision of economic growth and overall quality of life for all Kentuckians. “Under Governor Fletcher’s leadership, the Division of Aeronautics has been elevated to the Department of Aviation within the Transportation Cabinet. This contest is just one way for us to bring Kentuckians closer to an aviation system that has reached the first of many new plateaus, a system in which we can all take pride.”

The Department encourages all avid Kentucky photographers to adjust their “flight plans” for next year to allow for participation in the 2006 contest. The Cabinet will begin accepting entries July 1, 2006. The deadline for entries will be September 1, 2006.





## Above & Beyond Award Winner: Jim Sprowl, Pilot Extraordinaire!

Jim came to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in 1988. With much flying experience before and since his hire date, Jim has accumulated more than 7,000 hours of total flight time! Incredible! His main responsibility, one which he takes with the utmost sincerity, commitment and focus, is being THE sole pilot for the Kentucky Department of Aviation and, in turn, the ENTIRE Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Many people notice that Jim is sincerely committed to making flying, and aviation as a whole, in Kentucky the best it can be. But, when he is not flying, he also gives selflessly to the Department and others. He will not hesitate to take on any task, no matter the size. He will help anyone, in any way, and always

with a smile on his face.

We in the Department have been very lucky to have someone such as Jim lending us his expertise for the last eighteen years!

So, please join me in saying a heart-felt "congratulations" to Jim for his achievement of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Above and Beyond Employee Appreciation Award! He certainly deserves it!



Jim accepts his award.

(Left to right: Present at the awards ceremony were Jim Sprowl, Kentucky Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert, Department of Aviation's Deputy Commissioner Steve Parker and Department of Aviation Engineer Craig Farmer.)



The Kentucky Department of Aviation's 1966 Piper Aztec "C" model. (Jim's pride and joy!)

## Bardstown-Samuels Field Airport, Bardstown, Kentucky (KBRY)

It was May, 1954. A man by the name of Clell Kidwell, of Bardstown, Kentucky, writes the Office of Civil Aeronautics Administration to ask for their assistance in helping the, “Flying Farmer with selecting the correct latitude, longitude and elevation of his landing strip.” It was the then-Director of The Division of Airport Development for the Kentucky Department of Aeronautics, Vincent R. O’Brien, who offered his assistance with the retrieval of that information. By August, the question had been answered: 3.6 road miles northwest of Bardstown, with a grass runway 1,200 feet in length.

After almost seven years of putting Mr. Kidwell’s airstrip to very good use, local businesses decided that they were in need of a more substantial runway (and airport, as a whole) with more substantial facilities. So, early in 1961, the letters proposing and supporting the building of a new airport began to flow. By October of that same year, the proposed costs were laid out and a site had been selected for the BRAND-NEW Bardstown-Nelson County Airport. Their creation was a beautiful, state-of-the-art airport with a 3,200 foot by 75 foot, paved and lighted runway, terminal building, grading of land, fencing, a parallel taxiway, an aircraft parking apron, entrance road, obstruction removal and, of course, land acquisition. All for under \$250,000. Amazing!

And, today, their dream continues. Located 2 miles southwest of Bardstown on Highway 62, the Bardstown-Nelson County Airport (also called Samuels Field, after E.B. Samuels, the Airport Board Secretary in 1961) is now the home to an extended runway (5,000 feet), a 4,000 foot parallel taxiway, medium intensity runway lights, runway end identifier lights, precision approach path indicators, an automated weather observation system, a 1,600 square foot terminal and administration building, 2,000 square yards of aircraft parking apron, a 10-unit T-shaped aircraft hangers, 3 conventional storage hangers and a fully self-service 100LL and Jet-A aircraft fueling system with 24-hour availability.

Well, there are more things to mention here than space will allow. But, if you would like to visit this incredible airport and “soak-up” some of the GREAT local culture in historic Bardstown, please call the airport (502-348-5947), visit this website (<http://www.airnav.com/airport/KBRY>) or just hop into that airplane of yours and COME-ON!

One of the many spacious hangers at Bardstown. You and your airplane will be taken care of very well!







Photo taken by Sean Howard.



One of the many customers being attended to here in Bardstown.

## Kentucky Airport Zoning Administrator Recognized for Years of Service!

On Thursday, November 10, 2005, Jill Tiedt was recognized by the Kentucky Department of Aviation and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for her 11 years of service to the Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission.

Those presenting the award to Ms. Tiedt were John Houlihan, Airport Zoning Administrator (Left) and Kentucky Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert (Center).



## FEEDBACK, PLEASE!

Dear Airport Board Member,

During last year's Kentucky Aviation Conference, each airport was given one copy of our New Airport Board Member Orientation book (to be used for training new and future airport board members). To this point, we have received absolutely zero feedback about these books.

So, if you could, PLEASE take the time to contact us and let us know how these books are helping you and what we can do to improve them. REMEMBER, we are here to help you! Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Your Kentucky Department of Aviation

# UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS IS FOR THOSE AVIATORS OUT THERE!  
ADMISSION IS **FREE!**

## AOPA AIR SAFETY FOUNDATION SEMINARS

Topic: “Doing the Right Thing: Decision Making for Pilots”

Time: 7pm-9pm

Dates:

**Monday, April 3**, 2006 (Owensboro Airport, Owensboro, KY)

**Tuesday, April 4**, 2006 (Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Office Building, Frankfort, KY)

**Wednesday, April 5**, 2006 (Perkins Community Center, Morehead, KY)

## REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALANDERS

### 2006 KENTUCKY AVIATION CONFERENCE

September 13-15, 2006  
Crowne Plaza-Campbell House  
Lexington, Kentucky

**SEE YOU THERE!**

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